

## Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference

### Next steps for developing High-Speed Rail 2 in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Policy priorities and the ongoing development of HS2 - cost, transport network modernisation, and unlocking benefits for the entire UK**  
**Nick Bisson**, Director, HS2 Phase 2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail, Department for Transport  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Next steps for delivering high-speed rail and maximising benefits for Phase One - developing the domestic supply chain, cost and value for money, and West London and the Old Oak Common regeneration**  
**David Clarke**, Technical Director, Railway Industry Association  
**Nick Vaughan**, Director, Head of Greater London Residential Development, Savills  
Senior representative, legal  
Senior representative, business group  
Senior representative, local authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Addressing development barriers for Phase 2a and Phase 2b and integration with the Integrated Rail Plan**  
  
*Designing financially sustainable plans for connectivity to the Midlands and North, and meeting the challenges of on-time project delivery*  
**Andrew Went**, Director and Business Leader, UKIMEA Rail and Global High Speed Rail, Arup  
  
*Construction and collaboration - tackling barriers, operating within planning and environmental policy, and working with public and private stakeholders*  
Senior representative, engineering  
  
*Achieving local and regional benefits from HS2 - what is needed from development to increase business opportunities, widen capacity between cities, and effectively contribute to the levelling up agenda*  
Senior representative, combined authority  
  
*Placing consumer needs at the centre of high-speed rail development for the Midlands and North - improving connectivity, journey times, and service reliability*  
Senior representative, consumer group  
  
*How best to align HS2 with wider transport infrastructure in the regions - integration with Rail Hubs, regional development plans, and utilising local supply partners*  
**Tim Wood**, Northern Powerhouse Rail Director, Transport for the North
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Monitoring the development of HS2 and its connection to the national transport network, and assessing priorities for rail operation in the long-term**  
Senior speaker to be announced  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Jack Longman**, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum